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Brigadier General Robert Abrams joined JIEDDO as the Commanding General of the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, California in March of 2009. He currently serves as the Deputy Director of Training for the Joint IED Defeat Organization (JIEDDO). He brings to his current position an understanding of joint operations, having served as the Strategic Planner for the Southwest Asia Conventional Plans Division, with the Joint Staff. A 26-year Soldier, Abrams served as a Commander in Operations Desert Storm and Iraqi Freedom.

General Abrams began his military career in 1983 as a Platoon Leader and later as an Executive Officer the 12th Cavalry, 3d Armored Division in Germany. In 1986, he became a student at the Armor Officer Advanced Course, and upon graduating became the Battalion Maintenance Officer at Fort Hood, Texas. From 1991 to 1993, shortly after his return from Saudi Arabia for Operation Desert Storm, Abrams taught as a Platoon Tactics Instructor, and later became the Chief of the Training Development Branch. He has also attended the Armor Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, and received his Master's in Strategic Studies from the United States Army War College.

Abrams has received several awards for his acts of service and achievements, including the Legion of Merit with three Oak Leaf Clusters, the Bronze Star, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal and the Army Commendation Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters.

He attended the United States Military Academy, and later gained his Master's in Administration from Central Michigan University.